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Summaries of bills, adopted amendments and laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature coming from the

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST OF BILL SUMMARIES AND ENACTED LAWS

This *Legislative Digest of Bill Summaries and Enacted Laws* summarizes all bills and adopted amendments and all laws enacted or finally passed during the Second Regular Session of the 124th Maine Legislature.

The *Digest* is arranged alphabetically by committee and within each committee by LD number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor and lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are summarized and listed by paper number. A subject index is included with each committee. The appendices include a summary of relevant session statistics, an index of all bills by LD number and an index of enacted laws by law type and chapter number.

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

<i>CARRIED OVER</i>	<i>Carried over to a subsequent session of the Legislature</i>
<i>CON RES XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
<i>CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE</i>	<i>Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED BETWEEN HOUSES</i>	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
<i>DIED IN CONCURRENCE</i>	<i>One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill</i>
<i>DIED ON ADJOURNMENT</i>	<i>Action incomplete when session ended; bill died</i>
<i>EMERGENCY</i>	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
<i>FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Emergency bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>FAILED ENACTMENT/FINAL PASSAGE</i>	<i>Bill failed to get majority vote</i>
<i>FAILED MANDATE ENACTMENT</i>	<i>Bill imposing local mandate failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
<i>NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY</i>	<i>Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died</i>
<i>INDEF PP</i>	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed; bill died</i>
<i>ONTP (or Accepted ONTP report)</i>	<i>Ought Not To Pass report accepted; bill died</i>
<i>P&S XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
<i>PUBLIC XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
<i>RESOLVE XXX</i>	<i>Chapter # of finally passed Resolve</i>
<i>UNSIGNED</i>	<i>Bill held by Governor</i>
<i>VETO SUSTAINED</i>	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>

The effective date for non-emergency legislation enacted in the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature is Monday, July 12, 2010. The effective date for legislation enacted as an emergency measure is specified in the enacted law summary for those bills.

Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources

13. It requires the commissioner to report registry information to the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in a form and manner as required by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

14. It becomes effective on January 1, 2011.

LD 1560 An Act To Eliminate the 3-trap Limit in the Waters of the State

PUBLIC 499

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
DAMON	OTP-AM	S-367

LD 1560 eliminates the limit in current law of 3 lobster traps per trawl in the waters off Hancock County.

Committee Amendment "A" (S-367)

This amendment eliminates the 3-trap limit in current law and adds an effective date of January 1, 2011.

Enacted Law Summary

Public Law 2009 chapter 499 eliminates the 3-trap limit in current law and becomes effective on January 1, 2011.

LD 1567 An Act To Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Marine Resources Laws

PUBLIC 561

<u>Sponsor(s)</u>	<u>Committee Report</u>	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
PERCY DAMON	OTP-AM	H-707

LD 1567 makes the following changes to the laws governing marine resources.

1. It amends the timing of issuance and renewal of the seaweed buyer's license, the enhanced retail seafood license and the wholesale shellfish harvester's license to expire on March 31st of each year making them consistent with other dealer licenses.
2. It adds the enhanced retail seafood license to the list of shellfish dealers who must allow access to their facilities for shellfish inspection.
3. It removes a conflict in the law regarding suspension and revocation of a lobster and crab fishing license created when two bills amending the same section were passed in 2009 (PL 2009, c 394, §3 and PL 2009, c 151 §5). The bill would incorporate both changes made by those two laws.
4. It makes a suspension of license laws for failure to appear, answer, pay or failure to comply with court order for support consistent.
5. It provides that a person's ability to obtain a license is suspended if that person fails to pay state tax obligations.